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commerce was concluded and every opportunity was given to the distinguished visitors to see the country. The journey extended from the French port of Jibuti over the railroad to the once forbidden city of Harar, thence by caravan to Menelik's capital, Adis-Ababa, and northward to Lake Tana, the famous towns of Aksum and Adua and the northern limits of the country. An exceptionally fine feature is the numerous original photographs taken along the line of march, probably the best series of views of the manifold phases of Abyssinia that has yet been secured. The book is full of information about the life and activities of the country, and gives special chapters to the railroad, Harar, Adis-Ababa, Menelik, Lake Tana, the historic city Gondar, Aksum and Adua, and the Italian colony of Eritrea, through which the embassy passed to embark for home at Massowa.

**Through the Heart of Brazil.** By **Frederick C. Glass.** 136 pp., Illustrations and Maps. South American Evangelical Mission. Liverpool, 1907 (?).

This is the record of a journey by three missionaries from the Atlantic coast across Brazil and through the interior States of Goyaz and Matto Grosso. On the return they descended the Paraguay and Paraná Rivers to the sea. The journey was about 5,000 miles long. The geographical interest of the book is confined to the glimpses it gives of the settlements and peoples of the interior and of the Indian tribes in regions of which comparatively little has been written.

**The Government of India. Being a Digest of the Statute Law Relating Thereto, with Historical Introduction and Explanatory Matter.** By **Sir Courtenay Ilbert.** Second Edition. xxxii and 408 pp., Tables and Index. The Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1907. (Price, 10/6.)

A revised edition of the book which was first published in 1898. It is a digest brought up to date of the existing statute laws passed by Parliament and relating to the government of India. It is difficult to thread the maze of existing statutes, and this digest is calculated to be useful to those who are practically concerned in Indian administration and to students of Indian administrative law.

**Recollections of an Ill-Fated Expedition to the Headwaters of the Madeira River in Brazil.** By **Neville B. Craig.** In Cooperation with Members of the Madeira and Mamore Association of Philadelphia. 479 pp., 6 Maps, Numerous Illustrations, Appendix, and Index. J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia and London, 1907.

The hard-luck story of the attempt to build a railroad around the falls of the Madeira River in 1878 is well told in this book by one of the engineers engaged in the work. The scheme of connecting the navigable upper and lower reaches of the Madeira system by rail so that Bolivia should have easy steam transportation to the Atlantic for her vast mineral and vegetable products was one that early engaged the attention of Col. George Earl Church, now recognized as a leading authority on South-American geography. A civil engineer of eminence, he was the most prominent man in the enterprise from its inception to its collapse. Not a few of the engineers were young men of uncommon promise who have since won distinction. They showed the stuff they were made of in those tragic months on the Madeira and the account of their plucky though ill-fated endeavour is of dramatic interest. The book gives vivid impressions of the vicissitudes of life in the forest regions of the Amazon basin. The undertaking that failed then is that which Brazil agreed in her treaty with Bolivia in 1904 to carry out, and she has placed the railroad enterprise in the hands of an American syndicate.